

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 152-2005



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: June 8, 2005

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: FISCAL YEAR 05/06 CULTURAL ARTS GRANTS

As you may know, the City's 05/06 Cultural Arts Grants Program is underway, with panel recommendations for Cycle I (Artistic Disciplines) completed. Tourism and Cultural Development (TCD) Department staff prepared the supporting documents for the program. Unfortunately the spreadsheet staff was using had a double-entry in it that caused available funding for these grants to be overestimated. Of the \$599,015 total grant funds available, \$260,500 was erroneously allotted to the Cycle I categories; the amount should have totaled \$183,850. TCD staff caught the error when they began to finalize Cycle I and prepare for Cycle II.

If funding levels were maintained for Cycle I at \$260,500, Cycle II applicants (Arts & Cultural Education, Cultural Presenters, Cultural Anchors and Cultural Tourism categories), would undeservingly have \$76,650 less available to them. Staff discussed this issue with the Cultural Arts Council (CAC) and the collective decision was made to lower the recommended amounts for Cycle I by 30% in order to preserve Cycle II grants at an equitable level. The original and adjusted recommendations are listed in the first and second columns on the attached spreadsheet (with the third column showing the previous year's award amounts for comparison.) The adjusted grant amounts in the second column are what should have been recommended had the error not occurred. The grantee's scores and overall rankings remain the same. Please note that the total amount of funds being awarded (\$599,015) has not been reduced.

CAC members have been informed of the changes and staff is reviewing internal procedures to ensure this error does not occur again. Grantees will be informed by telephone and follow-up letter. Final grant recommendations will be forwarded to the CAC in July and subsequently to the City Commission in September for final approval.

JMG: [Signature]

c: Tim Hemstreet, Acting Assistant City Manager
Max Sklar, Tourism and Cultural Development Director
Gary Farmer, Interim Cultural Affairs Program Manager

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FY 05/06 Grant Applicants

Cycle I		05/06 Incorrect	05/06 Adjusted	Original 04/05 Award*
Dance				
1	Clarita Filgueiras Flamenco Puro	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	N/A
2	Dance Now! Ensemble	\$ 8,500	\$ 5,950	\$ 9,000
3	Freddick Bratcher Dance Company	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,000
4	Miami Contemporary Dance Company	\$ 17,635	\$ 12,345	\$ 5,000
5	Mid-Eastern Dance Exchange	\$ 16,730	\$ 11,711	\$ 5,000
6	Momentum Dance Company	\$ 17,235	\$ 12,065	\$ 12,600
Total		\$ 73,100	\$ 52,670	\$ 36,600
Film				
1	Ctr for Advancement of Jewish Education - Film Festival	\$ 17,200	\$ 12,040	\$ 4,000
2	Entertainment Industry Incubator - Film Contest	\$ 8,530	\$ 5,971	\$ 7,000
3	Miami Beach Film Society	\$ 8,670	\$ 6,069	\$ 10,000
Total		\$ 34,400	\$ 24,080	\$ 21,000
Music				
1	Florida Grand Opera	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 7,000
2	FIU School of Music	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
3	Miami Choral Society / Miami Childrens Chorus	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 7,000
4	Miami Symphony Orchestra	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 7,000
5	Miami Gay Men's Chorus	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000
6	Patrons of Exceptional Artists - Int'l. Piano Festival	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 7,000
7	South Beach Chamber Ensemble	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
8	South Florida Composer's Alliance	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,000
Total		\$ 110,000	\$ 77,000	\$ 47,000
Theater				
1	Fantasy Theater Factory	\$ 17,200	\$ 12,040	\$ 12,000
2	Gold Coast Theater	\$ 8,300	\$ 5,810	\$ 5,000
3	Teatro en Miami	\$ 8,765	\$ 6,136	N/A
4	The Playground Theater	\$ 8,735	\$ 6,115	N/A
Total		\$ 43,000	\$ 30,100	\$ 17,000
21 applicants for cycle I		\$ 260,500	\$ 183,850	\$ 121,600
Cycle II				
Arts & Cultural Education		\$ 101,600	\$ 76,790	
Cultural Presenters		\$ 79,415	\$ 60,000	
Cultural Anchors		\$ 184,150	\$ 175,000	
*Cultural Tourism (VCA & CAC each fund 50,000)		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
34 applicants currently proposed for cycle II		\$ 415,165	\$ 361,790	
Total		\$ 599,015	\$ 483,390	

Total Proposed Funding: \$599,015

* These award amounts represent the original recommended amounts prior to September 2004 when additional Quality of Life funding became available and Commission approved the CAC's recommendation to increase all recommended awards by 20% up to the maximum allowable by grant category limits.

N/A denotes either a group that did not apply that Fiscal Year or did not receive funding.